

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-21, and 23 are pending in this application.

Applicants have amended claims 9, 12, and 20, and have canceled claims 11 and 22.

These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Allowed/Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's prompt allowance of claims 1-8 and 16-19, and the Examiner's prompt indication that claims 11, 12, and 22 define allowable subject matter. As will be explained in more detail below, Applicants have amended the claims to place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance.

Objection to the Title

In response to the objection to the Title, Applicants have changed the Title to "Image Processing Apparatus and Image Processing Method for Correcting Color of Image." Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to the Title be withdrawn.

Claim Objection

In response to the objection to claim 12, Applicants have corrected the informality noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request that the objection to claim 12 be withdrawn.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of claims 9, 10, 13-15, 20, 21, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Yuasa et al.* ("Yuasa") (US 2002/0118210 A1). Applicants have amended independent claim 9 to include the features specified in original claim 11, and have amended independent claim 20 to include the features specified in original claim 22. In light of the changes to claims 9 and 20, Applicants have canceled claims 11 and 22. As noted above, the Examiner indicated in the Office Action that

claims 11 and 22 define allowable subject matter. As such, amended claims 9 and 20 define allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, for at least the foregoing reasons, claims 9 and 20 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Yuasa*. Claims 10 and 13-15, each of which ultimately depends from claim 9, and claims 21 and 23, each of which depends from claim 20, are likewise patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Yuasa* for at least the same reasons set forth above regarding the applicable independent claim.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 9, 10, 12-15, 20, 21, and 23, as presented herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance, along with allowed claims 1-8 and 16-19. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ITECP012).

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